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1. In compliance with the orders of Khalid Baghdash, the Central Committee of the Lebanese Communist Party separated Artin Madoyan from the Central Committee for violating Party orders, and issued a decision reorganizing the Central Committee. Accordingly, the following Central Committee members were elected on 2 February 1949:*

Niqola Shawi, Secretary-General
Farajallah Hilu
Fu'ad Qazan
Mustafa 'Aris**
Yusuf Khattar Hilu
George Istefanos***
Hashim Amin
Mayer Mus'ad
Hasan Quraytim
Garabed Pashabezian
Hanna Zarqa
Najat Qassab Hasan****

2. The Central Committee has deemed it advisable to adopt another measure to preserve relations between the Soviet Legation and the Central Committee, and has appointed Kamal Mukarzil and Wasfi Banna as liaison between the two. Important matters, however, will be discussed between Khalid Baghdash and Vladimir Ivanov. Muhammad Sulh***** is also in contact with the Soviet Legation, but the Party Command does not entrust him with liaison duties.
3. One of the present policies of the Communist Party is to organize the unions to help the growth of Communism and to make it appear as the only defender of the workers, the poor, and the peasant classes. This policy will insure continuous Party action and has resulted from the intensive pursuit to which the Party and its leaders are being subjected and the consequent difficulty of carrying on Party activities.
4. Union leaders will be given individual assignments commensurate with the critical circumstances through which the Party is passing. In order to enable these leaders to attend strictly to union matters, the Central

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Committee is studying a measure which may prevent them from indulging in political work.

5. The Central Committee has given Mustafa 'Aris, in addition to his work as supervisor of the Federation of Unions, the assignment of organizing a union for the workers of the al-Hadath workshops. Another meeting was to be held on 13 March in al-Hadath to reach a final decision on this matter.
6. Hanna Zarqa has been entrusted with organizing unions for the textile workers in al-Shiyah and the shoemakers in Beirut.
7. Sa'd-al-Din Muminah was given the assignment of organizing the Typesetters' Union, and of inducing as many communist elements as possible to join it.
8. The Communist Party, in addition to its policy on labor unions, has decided to fight everything which might lead to treaties with Great Britain and the United States. The Central Committee issued vigorous instructions in early February to all Communist groups to discuss this subject in clubs, social gatherings, homes, and various classes. It also instructed these groups to stage demonstrations and protests, even at the cost of arrest, deportation, and persecution.

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[REDACTED] Comment. According to an article in Le Jour of 8 March 1949, Mustafa 'Aris has been arrested again, because of a speech made at a commemoration ceremony for a dead Communist comrade, in which he attacked Anglo-Saxon policy, King 'Abdullah, and Nuri Sa'id Pasha.

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[REDACTED] Comment. George Istefanos, or Istifanu, is a watchmaker from Tripoli.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Najat Qassab Hasan has been reported previously as Najat Qassab Bashi. Another fairly reliable source states that his middle name might be Qassab-Bashi, but that subject himself uses the name Najat Qassab Hasan. Subject has been reported previously as a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Syria. [REDACTED] Hasan also has been reported previously under the names Anwar Qassab Bashi, and Najjat (K) Qassab.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Muhammad Sulh is, according to sources, a telegraphist with the Tass Bureau in Beirut. [REDACTED]

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